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November 17, 1947

14. General L. H. Brewster, Chairman
Military Liaison Committee
P. O. Box 1214
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Brewster:

With reference to your letter of November 4, 1947 regarding shots to be fired in the forthcoming tests, there is attached a copy of a study on this subject prepared by the Los Alamos Laboratory. You will note that the Laboratory expects to present its definitive recommendations by about December 1. When these recommendations have been received the Commission will be in a position to discuss this matter with the Military Liaison Committee.

The Laboratory has been informed of the recommendations of the General Advisory Committee as concerned in by the Research and Development Board's Committee on Atomic Energy, reported in your letter.

The General Advisory Committee has been furnished copies of the attached Laboratory study.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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David N. Lilienthal
Chairman

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December 24, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

THROUGH: The Military Liaison Committee
SUBJECT: Construction of Eniwetok Proving Ground

The Atomic Energy Commission has been advised informally that it would be helpful to the Armed Forces, particularly to the Commander of Joint Task Force Seven, if the Commission's position as to the permanence of the proving ground now under construction on Eniwetok Atoll was clarified.

The Commission should like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the view, which it has held since the initiation of discussions relating to proofing of atomic weapons, that a proving ground would be required as long as atomic weapons were being developed and produced.

The cost of weapon tests, both in money, manpower and fissionable material, does not permit the conduct of tests as frequently as may be technically desirable. At the present time it appears that a two year interval between tests may meet the more urgent requirements.

It is suggested that details as to the degree of permanence and the disposition of property be worked out between the Commission staff and the staff of the Commander, Joint Task Force Seven.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

David N. Lilienthal
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